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Box 001 1935-1955

Physical Description: 1 linear ft.

Scope and Content Note

Bills and hearings transcripts pertaining to the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians.

A2006.040.001 1 Bill

Scope and Content Note

"H.R. 6060: A Bill to authorize the tribal council of the Agua Caliente Band of Mission Indians to lease certain lands of the Agua Caliente (Palm Springs) Reservation, California, for certain purposes." (May 5, 1955)

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Scope and Content Note

"S. 186: A Bill to emancipate United States Indians in certain cases." (January 5, 1949)

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Scope and Content Note

"H.R. 6273: A Bill to provide for disposition of lands on the Cabazon, Augustine, and Torres-Martinez Indian Reservations." (April 20, 1948)

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Scope and Content Note

"H.R. 8026: A Bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease or sell certain lands of the Agua Caliente or Palm Springs Reservation, California, for public airport use, and for other purposes." (July 27, 1937)

A2006.040.001 5 Bill

Scope and Content Note

"S. 3137: A Bill to ratify a lease entered into by certain Mission Indians of California." (January 18, 1940)
"H.R. 6457: A Bill to provide for disposition of lands on the Cabazon, Augustine, and Torres-Martinez Indian Reservations." (January 18, 1940)

"H.R. 6273: A Bill to provide for disposition of lands on the Cabazon, Augustine, and Torres-Martinez Indian Reservations." (April 28, 1948)

"H.R. 6051: A Bill to provide relief and welfare of the Agua Caliente Band of Mission Indians in Palm Springs, California; for the withdrawal of Federal supervision; for the control of its property by its tribal council; for a corporation of its members to manage and improve its lands; for certain allotments, patents, and leases; and for other purposes." (March 30, 1948)

"S. 186: A Bill to emancipate United States Indians in certain cases." (January 5, 1949)

"S. 1685: A Bill to remove restrictions on the property and moneys belonging to the individual enrolled members of the Hoopa, Mission, and Sacramento Tribes of California, to provide for the liquidation of tribal property and distribution of the proceeds thereof, to confer complete citizenship upon such Indians, and for other purposes." (July 16, 1947)


"H.R. 5297: To repeal that provision in the Act of March 2, 1917 (39 Stat. L. 976), authorizing and directing the Secretary of the Interior to cause allotments in severalty to be made to the Indians belonging to and having tribal rights on the Mission reservations in the State of California." Includes statements of Frederick Collett, John Collier, Clarence Dill, Juana Hatchitt, Alice Lee Jemison, Marcus Pete, John Reeves, Genevieve St. Marie, James Stewart, Matthew Sniffen, Thomas Sloan, and Leta Myers Smart. (March 7, 1937)
A2006.040.001 13  Bills, Transcripts
Scope and Content Note
"S. 1424: A Bill to repeal that provision in the act of March 2, 1917 (39 Stat. L. 976), directing the making of allotments to Indians of the Mission Indian Reservations, Calif." and "S. 2589: A Bill to authorize the sale of part of the lands belonging to the Palm Springs or Agua Caliente Band of Mission Indians, and for other purposes." Includes statements of Lee Arenas, Phil Boyd, Earl Coffman, Nellie Coffman, John Collier, Francis Crocker, Clarence Dill, A. F. Hicks, Harold Hicks, Alice Lee Jemison, Chief Billie Levy, Eugene Ness, Frank Patencio, Francis Patencio, Marcus Pete, Warren Pinney, John Reeves, Clemente Segundo, Edward Shannon, Thomas Sloan, Cornelia White, and Purl Willis. (October 24, 1939)

A2006.040.001 14  Bills, Transcripts
Scope and Content Note
"H.R. 7450: To authorize the sale of part of the lands belonging to the Palm Springs or Agua Caliente Band of Mission Indians and for other purposes." Includes testimonies by John Collier, Clemente Segundo, Purl Willis, Adam Castillo, A. E. Demaray, Alice Lee Jemison, Phil Swing, F. G. Collett, Harold Quackenbush, Thomas Sloan, Leta Myers Smart, Stella Von Bulow, John Dady, Carl Eardley, and William Zimmerman Jr. (March 15, 1938)

A2006.040.001 15  Bills, Transcripts
Scope and Content Note

Box 002 1929-1998
Physical Description: 1 linear ft.
Scope and Content Note
Government bills, hearings transcripts, and reports pertaining to the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians.

A2006.040.002 1  Hearings Transcripts
Scope and Content Note
Hearings on Equalization of land allotments on the Agua Caliente Reservation in California. Includes statements of Vyola Olinger, Robert Peterson, Raymond Simpson, Jerome Bunker, D. S. Saund, Albert Welmas, Priscilla Gonzales, LaVerne Saubel, Eileen Miguel, Dora Prieto, Cruz Siva, Corinne Siva, Zachary Pitt, Irl Davis Brett, Oliver Clark, Alice Rementeria, and Margaret Pablo.

A2006.040.002 2  Hearings Transcripts
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A2006.040.002 3  Bill
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A2006.040.002 4  Hearings Transcripts
Scope and Content Note
"Providing for legislation pursuant to H. Con. Res. 108, 83rd Congress, as rapidly as possible, to make the Indians within the territorial limits of the United States subject to the same laws and entitled to the same privileges and responsibilities as are applicable to other citizens of the United States, to end their status as wards of the United States, and to grant them all of the rights and prerogatives pertaining to American citizenship, and directing the Secretary of the Interior to report Congress his recommendations as to what legislation, in his judgement, may be necessary to accomplish the purposes of said resolutions." (March 4, 1954)

A2006.040.002 5  Bill, Transcripts
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"H. R. 8587, Public Law 86-339." (September 21, 1959)

A2006.040.002 7  Report
Scope and Content Note
"Report to Accompany H. R. 2308: Ratify airport lease, Palm Springs Mission Indians, California." (June 19, 1941)

A2006.040.002 7  Report
Scope and Content Note
"Report to Accompany H.R. 6979: Authorize the creation of Indian trust estates." (May 28, 1930)

A2006.040.002 7  Report
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"Report to Accompany H. R. 13977: To settle claims by agreement arising under operation of Indian irrigation projects." (February 4, 1929)
Report
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"Supplemental Report to Accompany S. 115: Modifying sections 4 and 20, permanent appropriation repeal act, 1934, funds collected, Indian Service irrigation projects." (July 19, 1946)

Bills, Hearings Transcripts
Scope and Content Note

Box 003 1884-1996
Physical Description: 1 linear ft.
Scope and Content Note
Reports, correspondence, bills, and newsletters pertaining to the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians and other Cahuilla individuals or groups.

Report, Resolution
Scope and Content Note
"Progress Report and Senate Resolution No. 124." Includes S. 2396 (equalization bill). (June 3, 1957)

Letter (Surrogate)
Scope and Content Note
John W. Noble (Secretary of the Interior) to Department of the Interior. Acknowledges receipt of Senate Resolution 26th Ultimo which asks if the Secretary of the Interior has directed an Indian Agent for the Coahuilla Reservation to place one Williams as chief of the tribe, deposing Cabazon. (June 6, 1892)

Letter (Surrogate)
Scope and Content Note
From R. V. Belt (Acting Commissioner). Replies to the question of an Indian Agent for the Coahuilla Reservation placing one Williams as chief of the tribe, deposing Cabazon. States that agent reports that Cabazon was deposed by the Indians themselves by majority vote. Confirms that the agent requested that the Secretary of War arrest William Pablo and confine him to prevent intrusion in federal affairs. Confirms that a letter from Horatio Rust calls upon the U.S. marshal to arrest and confine William Pablo and Chief Cabazon. (June 2, 1892)

Letter (Surrogate)
Scope and Content Note
From R. V. Belt (Acting Commissioner). Forwards copy of letter in which Horatio Rust requests the arrest and confinement of William Pablo and Chief Cabazon "until they would quietly submit to proper authority, and stop their aspirations to be chiefs." Forwards a news article claiming wrongful conduct on part of Rust in connection with the rental of Pablo's land. Recommends that both Rust and his claims be investigated. (May 26, 1892)

Letter (Surrogate)
Scope and Content Note
From R. V. Belt (Acting Commissioner). Forwards a news item claiming that the Cahuilla should be entitled to two townships nearing Banning, and that William Pablo claims that Agent Horatio Rust had rented his land but not released funds from the rental back to Pablo. Confirms federal recognition of the reservation. (May 24, 1892)
A2006.040.003 2
Letter (Surrogate)
Scope and Content Note
From Horatio Rust. Complains of William Pablo’s ‘insubordination’ and asks for a jail so to
‘enable [Rust] to assert [his] authority’ due to Pablo’s ‘conspiring’ with Cabazon. (May 13,
1892)

A2006.040.003 2
Letter (Surrogate)
Scope and Content Note
From Horatio Rust. Claims that Indians asked that Cabazon be deposed due to his
‘squandering of funds’ for his trip to Washington DC. Also claims that Cabazon was
deposed through the election of one Bill Williams, 138 to 36. Reports publishing of an
article painting an flattering picture of the Agent. (March 30, 1892)

A2006.040.003 2
Letter (Surrogate)
Scope and Content Note
From T.J. Morgan. Rebukes Rust’s claim that a jail would be necessary for influencing
Indian affairs on the Morongo Reservation. Suggests using the court system instead.
(December 11, 1891)

A2006.040.003 2
Letter (Surrogate)
Scope and Content Note
From Horatio Rust. Admits refusing to recognize William Pablo as captain of the Morongo
Reservation due to his drinking habits and conspiring with Chief Cabazon. Claims that
Pablo’s lietanant, Sequondo (Segundo?) fired at John Morongo and Rev. Weinland to kill
them. Describes his support for John Morongo as leader. (December 2, 1891)

A2006.040.003 2
Letter (Surrogate)
Scope and Content Note
From Horatio Rust and C.T. Beach (Superintendent). Claims that the Potrero school was
losing pupils due to St. Boniface’s offer of board and clothing. Claims that William Pablo
told students they would die if they attended the Portrero school. Beach concurs that
Pablo and the Catholics are to blame for decreased attendance at the Portrero school.
(December 2, 1891)

A2006.040.003 2
Letter (Surrogate)
Scope and Content Note
From Horatio Rust. Outlines Rust’s agreement with Father Hahn that he not recruit
students within a 3-mile radius of the Portrero school. Asks for the jail to counteract the
‘evil’ influence of William Pablo, who he also claims to be at fault for decreased
attendance at the Portrero school. (December 1, 1891)

A2006.040.003 2
Letter (Surrogate)
Scope and Content Note
From Horatio Rust. Outlines Rust’s plans, with cost breakdown, for building a jail with
Indian labor. (October 26, 1891)

A2006.040.003 2
Letter (Surrogate)
Scope and Content Note
From Horatio Rust. States itentions to build a stone water ditch with miscellaneous funds.
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<td><strong>Bill</strong></td>
<td>&quot;Message from the President of the United States transmitting a communication of the 11th instant, from the Secretary of the Interior, submitting a draft of bill 'for the relief of the Mission Indians in the State of California.'&quot; Includes J. G. Stanley's plea for the formation of Mission Indian reservations and a description of the desert Cahuilla. Mentions cutting of mesquite wood for the railroad and other purposes. (January 18, 1884)</td>
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"H.R. 13323: A Bill to provide for the equalization of allotments on the Agua Caliente (Palm Springs) Reservation in California, and for other purposes." Drawings of three proposed plans for the widening of Indian Avenue created by the City of Palm Springs. (July 8, 1958)

A2006.040.003 16  Bill
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"S. 2396: A Bill to provide for the equalization of allotments on the Agua Caliente (Palm Springs) Reservation in California, and for other purposes." (June 26, 1957)

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"H.R. 5557: A Bill to provide for the equalization of allotments on the Agua Caliente (Palm Springs) Reservation in California, and for other purposes." (March 11, 1959)

A2006.040.003 18  Bill
Scope and Content Note
"H.R. 3804: A Bill to remove restriction on the distribution of certain revenues from the Mineral Springs parcel to certain members of the Agua Caliente band of Cahuilla Indians." (July 12, 1996)

A2006.040.003 19  Bill
Scope and Content Note
"H. R. 8587, Public Law 86-339: To provide for the equalization of allotments on the Agua Caliente (Palm Springs) Reservation in California and for other purposes." (September 21, 1959)